<u>**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**</u>

The Applicant originally submitted Claims 1-21 in the application. In the present response, the Applicant has amended independent Claims 1, 8 and 15 to more clearly define the present invention. The Applicant has not amended, canceled or added any other claims. Accordingly, Claims 1-21 are currently pending in the application.

I.   Rejection of Claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-21under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,760,324 to Scott, *et al.* The Applicants respectfully disagree since Scott does not teach automatically initiating a telephone call over a computer network including extracting a destination address for a subsequent telephone call from calling number identification signals received from a circuit-switched telephone network via a first telephone call as recited in amended independent Claims 1, 8 and 15. Additionally, Scott does not teach employing the destination address to automatically initiate the subsequent telephone call to the destination address via the computer network as recited in amended independent Claims 1, 8 and 15.

Scott is directed to systems that provide voice over the Internet technology. (*See* column 1, lines 10-11.) Scott discloses a Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) system including a gateway server. (*See* column 7, lines16-17, Figure 2 and Figure 3B.) To handle incoming calls, the gateway server provides a rule tree to select the proper service. (*See* column 59, lines 58-59.) To control the selection process, the gateway server may use information, including Dialed Number Identification Service (DNIS) information, from the incoming call. (*See* column 59, lines 62-65.)

The gateway server, however, does not extract a destination address for a subsequent telephone call from the information of the incoming call. More specifically, the gateway server does not extract the destination address for the subsequent call from calling number identification signals received from a circuit-switched telephone network via the incoming call. On the contrary, the gateway server uses the information from incoming calls, such as DNIS information, to control the selection process of the service **to process the incoming call**. Additionally, the Applicants do not find any other teaching in Scott where a destination address for a subsequent telephone call is extracted from the information of the incoming call. Thus, Scott may use information from a call to assist in processing the incoming call but does not teach extracting a destination address for a subsequent telephone call from calling number identification signals received from a circuit-switched telephone network via a first telephone call as recited in amended independent Claims 1, 8 and 15. Accordingly, Scott also does not teach employing the extracted destination address to automatically initiate the subsequent telephone call to the destination address via a computer network as recited in amended independent Claims 1, 8 and 15.

Scott, therefore, does not disclose each and every element of independent Claims 1, 8 and 15. As such, Scott does not anticipate Claims 1, 8 and 15 and Claims dependent thereon. Thus, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the §102 rejection with respect to Claims 1-21 and allow issuance thereof.
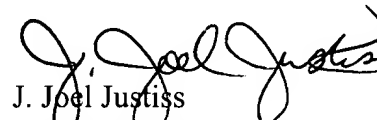
II.   Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicant sees all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicits a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-21.

The Applicant requests the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application.

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